

**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS**

Please **CANCEL** claims 15-19 and 21-32.

A copy of all pending claims and a status of the claims is provided below.

1. (original) A system for loading product, comprising:
  - a conveyor movable in at least a first direction; and
  - a metering section located proximate to at an end of the conveyor, the metering section including:
    - a plate mechanism movable between a first position proximate the end of the conveyor and a second position remote from the conveyor; and
    - a door adapted to be opened to a feeder, the door at least partially supporting a predetermined amount of product and being positioned between a movable distance of the plate.
2. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the product is at least mail pieces.
3. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the conveyor is a belt conveyor.
4. (original) The system of claim 3, wherein the belt conveyor includes cogs which form grooves thereon.

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5. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the conveyor is movable towards and away from the metering section to, respectively, load product into the metering section and provide separation between the product on the conveyor and the metering section when the metering section is filled.
6. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the door is a drop gate positioned below a radius of the conveyor at the end.
7. (original) The system of claim 1, further comprising an opposing moving plate positioned at another end of the conveyor, the opposing moving plate and the plate providing a pressure on product placed therebetween.
8. (original) The system of claim 7, wherein the opposing moving plate is movable independent of the conveyor.
9. (original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a sensor for sensing a position of the movable plate and activating the opening of the door.
10. (original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a controller which synchronizes or coordinates movement of the movable plate, the conveyor and the door.

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11. (original) The system of claim 10, wherein the controller stops movement of the conveyor and the plate and opens the door when the metering section is filled with product.

12. (original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a solenoid for moving the plate.

13. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the plate is spring loaded to position the plat in an original position after release of the product.

14. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the plate further supports the product and the door is openable to release the product.

Claims 15-19 (cancel).

20. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the plate is spring loaded.

Claims 21-32 (cancel).